

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the media venues, they distort news to favor themselves. If they insist on using their power for selfish ends, they should be forced to pay the full cost of their endeavors, rather than stealing from and grasping for hand-outs from the public.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. These companies have gone far too far and should be broken down into smaller elements. Companies like Sinclair are a threat to the American people and to people throughout the world. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.